

AUDITORS ADJOURN

A PERMANENT ORGANIZATION
WILL BE FORMED.

A resolution which it is hoped by those interested will serve as a basis for the cities of the country in their accounting, in order that a uniform system may be established, was adopted last evening by the conference of controllers and auditors of sixty large cities, in session at the Arlington Hotel.

The plan will be furthered by the statisticians who were present at the conference and by the census bureau, which is very anxious to bring about the proposed order of accounting, so that its figures may be more easily and intelligently compiled. It is also expected that the accounts of the various cities, when reduced to uniform similar forms, will furnish a splendid basis for the comparative study of municipal affairs. On the whole, the blanks and methods of the various bureaus were approved and will be followed.

The committee on resolutions which reported at its head Harry B. Henderson of Cheyenne, Wyo., was also present.

The conference adopted a uniform blank for the reports of cities upon public utilities, and there had been a general discussion under the five-minute rule.

Conference Adjourned.

The conference adjourned, following the formation of a national organization of controllers and auditors, of which George B. Foster of Rochester, N. Y., was chosen president, Howard A. Houghton of St. Mich., secretary, and George B. Rex of Pawtucket, R. I., treasurer. The organization is divided into four grand divisions, the following being elected vice presidents in each: George B. Foster, grand division of Cambridge, Mass.; central, Controller Betz, St. Paul; southern, Controller Rivers, New Orleans; and western, Auditor Wilson, Denver. The officers constitute an executive committee, which will report a plan of permanent organization at a meeting to be held in St. Paul, Minn., in the near future.

Director North of the census bureau prepared to the President yesterday afternoon about seventy-five of the auditors and controllers, representing sixty cities and sixteen states.

MCALL ISSUES DEFENSE.

Speaks, Through Son, for Himself and Hamilton.

John A. McCall, ex-president of the New York Life Insurance Company, sent from what may be his deathbed, at Lakewood, N. J., last night a defense of his own work in the company and of his relations with Andrew Hamilton. The statement was made at a literary sermon to his son, John C. McCall, and others gathered in his death chamber, and was passed on by Mr. McCall to a group of reporters in the lobby of the Laurel House an hour or so later. "If it's God's will, I'm ready to go," Mr. McCall told his son. "I've lived a clean life. I've lived my life as I saw it. No man, no woman or child can say that I ever wronged them."

This was the family note made public. It was not known whether his father made any reference to Hamilton, young Mr. McCall said:

"My father had the greatest love and confidence for Mr. Hamilton. There was nothing wrong in Mr. Hamilton's relations with my father or the company. So great is his love for Mr. Hamilton that if he were to make a mistake he would name him as one of the executors."

It was on my suggestion that I went to see Mr. Hamilton. He was sitting up with me. I brought back a report, as you will already know, and though father was quite ill at the time, that report rallied him very much. He said: "Brighter and kept so for several days."

"What are the facts in the current rumors regarding your father's great wealth?" he was asked.

"My father is not a wealthy man," was the reply. "At least he has no fabulous wealth. He has a comfortable income. So far as I know, he paid \$25,000 a year for his residence on his life to the New York Life Insurance Company. Here let me add something. I am not prepared to make any statement for certain discrepancies in Mr. Hamilton's account he did that against the protest of the board of trustees of the company. I am prepared to go on and stand to make such an offer."

Is it true, Mr. McCall was asked, "that

"Absolutely no," replied Mr. McCall with great vigor.

Mr. McCall said late last night, also, that his father would not recover. He said the entire family, except his mother, realized the seriousness of his condition, and would be ready to make any sacrifice at any moment. Mrs. McCall, however, is not acquainted with the alarming condition of her husband, and she confidently hopes that he may survive his present troubles.

Presidential Nominations Confirmed.

The Senate in executive session has confirmed the following nominations: George E. Anderson, Illinois, consul general at Rio de Janeiro; Albert R. Morawetz, Arizona, consul general at Santiago, Chile; Benjamin F. Burwell, associate justice of the supreme court of Oklahoma; James W. Reynolds, New Mexico, secretary of New Mexico.

Collectors of customs—Elwell S. Crosby, collector at Baltimore, Md.; Myron H. McCord, collector at Phoenix, Arizona.

Marshals—James M. Millikan, western district of Texas, at San Antonio; John C. Gentry, territory of Oklahoma, and a number of postmasters.

House Committee to Go South.

The House committee on rivers and harbors has decided to make a trip to inspect rivers and harbors in Florida, Georgia, Mississippi and Alabama. The date was not decided upon, but the committee will probably start some time between March 1 and March 22, and will be away about ten days. Augusta and Columbus, Ga., will be visited, and the Savannah and Appalachian rivers will be inspected. Mobile, Ala., and Gulfport, Miss., are among other cities to be visited. Several members of the House interstate and foreign commerce committee will also make the trip.

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CONCESSION BY FRANCE.

Yields Point to American Insurance Companies.

The French government has made a notable concession to the American insurance companies, whereby the new insurance law will not be applied so as to seriously affect their interests. This closes a long and animated controversy at Paris which threatened at one time to result in restrictions making it difficult for the American companies to continue doing business in France. The concessions now granted are a distinct mark of the government's desire to continue and augment the friendly relations between the two countries. It is a coincidence that this friendly action comes at a time when the American companies at Algiers are able to exert important pressure in ameliorating the Franco-German differences.

The new insurance law permits the government to require foreign companies to deposit French securities as a guarantee for the payment of policies. The American companies agreed to deposit French bonds covering their future business, but they objected to making an endorsement of their business securities covering their past business.

The minister of commerce strenuously opposed the law, and the government is now valuing the latter deposit on condition that the companies publicly guarantee their business in securities guaranteed by American securities and not by French securities. The regulation to this effect, with the government indorsement, has been submitted to the council of state as a preliminary to its official promulgation by the State Department.

Apparatus for New Naval Hospital.

The Secretary of the Navy has awarded W. M. Sheehan & Co of New York at their bid of \$3,920, the contract for furnishing and installing a quantity of electrical apparatus in the new naval hospital